

Title (en)  
APPARATUS FOR RATCHETING ADJUSTMENT OF BONE SEGMENTS

Title (de)  
GERÄT ZUR EINSTELLUNG VON KNOCHENFRAGMENTEN MIT EINER RÜCKLAUFSPERRE

Title (fr)  
APPAREIL PERMETTANT DE REGLER DES SEGMENTS OSSEUX PAR ENCLIQUETAGE

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Abstract (en)  
[origin: WO0130249A1] A method and system for incremental adjustment of bone segments (20, 25) is provided. The apparatus includes a low-profile ratchet assembly (5) which may be subcutaneously implanted, and an adjustment assembly which may be inserted percutaneously for releasable engagement with the adjustment assembly. The ratchet assembly (5) includes a first piece having a tongue (33) which ratcheting serrations (35), and a second piece having a cavity to receive the tongue (33) and also including ratcheting pawls (70) to engage the serrations (35). The adjustment assembly may be threaded to engage a bore on the ratchet assembly (5). Alternatively, the adjustment assembly may have a sleeve (72, 91) which hooks onto the ratchet assembly and a plunger. Bio-absorbable materials may be used.

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